

## **Dakota-Scott Workforce Investment Board News and Notes Spring 2010, Vol. 8-1**

*Welcome to the Dakota-Scott Workforce Investment Board's (WIB) News and Notes. This newsletter's purpose is to provide you with an update of workforce and economic development activities.*

### **96,147 Visitors to Area WorkForce Centers**

The Resource Rooms of the Shakopee, Burnsville and West St. Paul WorkForce Centers had 96,147 visits in 2009. This is a 27% increase from 2008 and a 49% increase from 2007.

### **Questions About Unemployment?**

Keep up with the latest news on unemployment at [www.uimn.org](http://www.uimn.org).

### **WIB Member Updates**

The WIB welcomes Deborah Insel, Thomson Reuters and Tim Walsh, Scott County, as its newest members.

### **Dakota-Scott Selected to Serve NWA Employees**

The Dakota-Scott Workforce Area was selected by the Employee Management Committee representing individuals laid off from Northwest Airlines (NWA) to provide them with dislocated worker services. Dakota-Scott, in conjunction with Anoka and Washington Counties and the local non-profits of HIRED and EAC, are providing services to the dislocated NWA individuals throughout the metro.

### **Minneapolis Idealist.org Nonprofit Career Fair**

This Career Fair is Tuesday, April 13 from 12-4:00 p.m. and is free for job seekers. It will take place at the University of MN in the Coffman Memorial Union at 300 Washington Avenue SE, Minneapolis MN 55455. For more information go to [www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org) and select the Nonprofit Career Fairs link. This site also offers a link to their job board.

### **Interested in Starting a Business?**

If you think running a business is for you, then this will be the best three hours you can spend! This class offers you real-life, down to earth principles for developing and financing an entrepreneurial venture. If you thought running your own business might be for you, but you just weren't sure, then this session will help you come closer to making the decision. The benefits of entrepreneurship will be discussed as well as the negatives. Real world examples will be shown that will help you understand what makes businesses fail, and what makes them succeed. Class is 1:00-4:00 p.m., April 22 at the Partners in Higher Education

Building in Apple Valley. Cost is \$15. To RSVP, call 651 423-8612.

### **Veterans Career Fair**

To celebrate Hire a Veteran Month in Minnesota, the Minnesota Veterans Career Fair will be held Wednesday, May 5. Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available. The event is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive. For more information call 763-785-6461 or email [char.morgan@state.mn.us](mailto:char.morgan@state.mn.us). More details are available at [www.PositivelyMinnesota.com/Veterans](http://www.PositivelyMinnesota.com/Veterans).

### **Top Public Companies in Dakota-Scott**

The largest MN-based public companies as reported by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal ranked by revenue are:

- #18 – Patterson Companies, Mendota Heights
- #78 – Digital Angel Corp., South St. Paul
- #86 – Canterbury Park Holding Corp., Shakopee

### **April is Financial Literacy Month**

The Dakota-Scott Financial Empowerment Collaborative website has an impressive array of resources listed at: <http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/CaringFor/PersFinance/default.htm>

### **WIB Leadership**

Cathy Weik, Chair of the Dakota-Scott WIB, also chairs the metro and state Workforce Boards. Additionally, she's on the Labor and Employment Committee for the National Association of Counties; and on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Workforce Boards.

### **High Growth/High Pay Jobs – 2006-2016**

Take a look at [http://rachelvilsack.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/High-GrowthHigh-Pay\\_MN\\_2016.pdf](http://rachelvilsack.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/High-GrowthHigh-Pay_MN_2016.pdf) for the report.

### **New Jobs Skills Assessment Tool**

The state has a new feature on its site called, "A Job Skills Transfer Assessment Tool". To access, click on [http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/Data\\_Publications/Data/All\\_Data\\_Tools/Job\\_Skills\\_Transfer\\_Assessment\\_Tool.aspx](http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/Data_Publications/Data/All_Data_Tools/Job_Skills_Transfer_Assessment_Tool.aspx) - then select "click here to use this tool". After entering an occupation, you will find much information including job openings.